

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The replacement sheet in the Appendix includes changes to the Figure. In the Figure, the previously omitted element numbers 2 and 8 have been added and element number 20 has been changed to element number 10.

REMARKS

The specification and drawing have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action objects to the form of claims 12 and 19-20. These claims have been amended as to form, bearing in the mind the comments in the Official Action. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-18 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and have been amended as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 11-15 and 17-20 were rejected as anticipated by VANLUIJT et al. 2002/0132614. The claims have been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 1 provides, among other features, that the information retransmission device is provided with power "exclusively" from a connection to the telecommunications network. Support for this amendment is found at page 5, lines 16-31, for example.

VANLUIJT et al. describe that the beacon receives power from a power outlet (paragraph 0011). As is apparent from the context (the beacon is sent to a shop), the power outlet is a classical electrical power outlet. The reference does not

disclose that the beacons are provided with power exclusively from a connection to the telecommunications network. Further, VANLUIJT et al. state that the beacon may be connected wirelessly to the server (paragraph 0014). Since the power cannot be provided over this wireless connection, one of skill in the art would not be motivated to modify VANLUIJT et al. to provide the power exclusively from the connection to the telecommunications network.

Accordingly, the amended claims avoid the rejection under §102.

Claim 16 was rejected as unpatentable over VANLUIJT et al. in view of MUMICK et al. 5, 751,798. MUMICK et al. do not make up for the above-noted shortcomings of VANLUIJT et al. and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New claims 21-23 have been added and are allowable because the art does not disclose that the adaptor, into which the information retransmission device is integrated, is a telephone jack as in claims 21 and 23, or that the power for the information retransmission device is exclusively provided by the voltage difference at the wire pair connection to the PSTN as in claim 22.

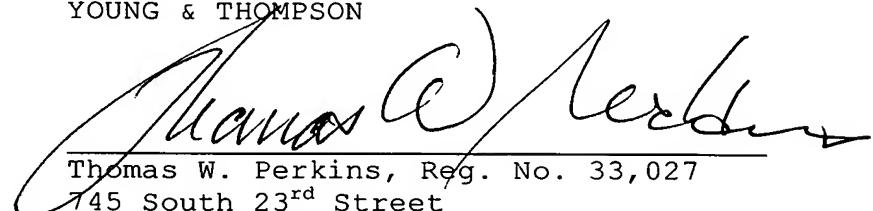
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- one replacement drawing sheet